



MINUTES OF  
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

June 2, 2020

The City Council of the City of Eureka met in REGULAR Session on the above date, 5:00 P.M. Closed Session, 6:00 P.M. Open Session, at the Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers, 531 "K" Street, Eureka.

Public Comment: None

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Conference with Legal Counsel - Initiation of Litigation (1 Case)

Public Employment - City Manager

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Seaman  
Castellano  
Messner  
Arroyo  
Allison  
Bergel

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Bob Black provided a report from the closed session.

#### MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Seaman commended Eureka Police Department for working with the community during this stressful time. Research will be conducted on how the community and the City work together, and Councilmember Messner volunteered to assist Mayor Seaman.

Eureka City Schools are considering a graduation ceremony in July 2020.

Mayor Seaman is available to meet with people from 3 to 5 on Mondays by phone or zoom. Contact her at: 707.441.4200 or [sseaman@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:sseaman@ci.eureka.ca.gov).

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Youth Council Presentation - Christina Smith and Tristan Greene of Eureka High School addressed the City Council.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

A) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

B) CONSENT CALENDAR

Allison moved, seconded by Messner, to accept Consent Calendar, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: None

B.1 Council Meeting Minutes - Approve the minutes of the regular and special Council meeting minutes from May 19, 2020 as submitted.

B.2 Reservoir Maintenance Roof Support Coating Acceptance – Accept the Reservoir Maintenance and Roof Support Coating project, Bid No. 2019-03; and authorize the filing of a "Notice of Completion" at the Office of the County Recorder.

B.3 Eureka Flood Reduction and Sea Level Rise Project - Grant Acceptance and Resolution – Accept a Hazard Mitigation grant, for phase I of the Eureka Flood Reduction and Sea Level Rise Project for \$118,350 and City matching funds of \$39,450, and adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director as an agent of the City to sign and file all required documentation for the environmental compliance, design and construction phases of the project. Public Works Director Brian Gerving provided clarification on the locations for the Sea Level

Project. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Allison moved, seconded by Messner, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-28, a designation of Sub-Recipient's Agent resolution for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: None

### C) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- C.1 CalPERS Early Retirement Service Credit Resolution and "Window Period." Human Resources Director Will Folger provided a staff report. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Messner moved, seconded by Bergel, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-29, approving another designated window period for two years additional CalPERS service credit, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: None

- C.2 Election of Municipal Officers. Acting City Manager Pam Powell provided a staff report. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Arroyo moved, seconded by Allison, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-30, calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held November 3, 2020 for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the Charter; and Resolution No. 2020-31, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt to provide election services and to consolidate the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020 with the Statewide General Election to be held on that date, motion Carried

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: None

- C.3 Amendment to City Charter Section 202 and Section 207 providing for Ranked Choice Voting for office of Mayor and Councilmembers - Acting City Manager Pam Powell provided a staff report. City Attorney Bob Black provided additional information. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Allison moved, seconded by Messner, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-32 calling for the holding of a General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020 for the Submission of a proposed Charter amendment; Resolution No. 2020-33 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt to provide election services and to consolidate the General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020 with the Statewide General Election to be held on that date; Resolution No. 2020-34 setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding a City Ballot Measure and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and Resolution No. 2020-35 providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for City measures submitted at municipal elections, motion Carried.

Ayes: Castellano, Messner, Arroyo, Allison, Bergel

Noes: None

Absent: None

D) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS: None

E) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

E.1 UPLIFT/COVID -19 Update - Director of Community Services Miles Slattery provided a report. Community Services Supervisor Jeff Davis provided additional information.

Items E.2 and E.3 were added after the agenda was published.

E.2 2020 Homeless Survey Results – Chief Watson provided information on the 2020 Homeless Survey Results. Sergeant La France provided a 2020 Homeless Survey Results PowerPoint presentation. The survey data will be shared with our community partners including Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

E.3 Eviction Moratorium - City Attorney Bob Black addressed the Eviction Moratorium.

## COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS

Councilmember Bergel appreciates how engaged our community is; knowing people's stories are critical in developing relationships. She hopes the community can move forward in a way that supports each individual.

Councilmember Messner appreciates and is proud of our community and their voice, and also appreciates how our police officers responded with grace and dignity over the past weekend. She enjoyed experiencing two local restaurants during the recent reopening of restaurants in our community. More openings are due in the future, and she encouraged the public to be wise but not fearful.

Councilmember Allison encourages the community to reflect, think and listen. Self-care is important right now, and it is ok to take a step back and look after your mental health. Being a good neighbor is about taking care of yourself too.

Councilmember Castellano spoke on the effects of structural racism here, and listening to what members of our community are asking for. She is working with the Economic Development Consortium, and arts and cultural leaders in our community, through a series of round tables and surveys. Professor Amy Rock with Humboldt State University has been working, along with others, on a Geospatial Eureka Well-being Survey. Further information will be provided on the City website.

Councilmember Arroyo spoke on this being a time of listening, learning, and getting back to healing awareness. Now is the time to rethink our priorities and move forward together. She announced that the Annual Trail Summit will be all online this Saturday, June 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. via Zoom. Senator Mike McGuire and Humboldt Trail Council will be providing updates on the status of local trail projects. Google "Trail Summit June 6" for more information.

Councilmember Messner announced that Friday Night Markets will be launched this weekend.

Mayor Seaman announced that First 5 Humboldt and Humboldt Area Foundation will be offering a stipend to childcare providers who open for services and meet the reopening qualifications set by the County.


ADJOURNMENT - 8:27 P.M.

APPROVED:



Susan Seaman  
Mayor

Attest:



Pamela J. Powell  
City Clerk